

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded markup of the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; H.R. 2309, Consumer Credit and Debt Protection Act; H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act; and H.R. 1706, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act.

FOOD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft legislation the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Tim F. Jones, M.D., State Epidemiologist, Department of Health, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

FANNIE MAE/FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Present Condition and Future Status of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Housing Finance Agency: James B. Lockhart III, Director; Edward J. DeMarco, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Deputy Director, Housing Mission and Goals; and Christopher Dickerson, Deputy Director, Enterprise Regulation; and public witnesses.

REMITTANCES: REGULATION AND DISCLOSURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Remittances: Regulation and Disclosure in a New Economic Environment.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERIC DRUG PATENT SETTLEMENT DELAYS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Pay to Delay: Are Patent Settlements That Delay Generic Drug Market Entry Anticompetitive? Testimony was heard from Richard Feinstein, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE SAMUEL B. KENT IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment held a hearing to consider Possible Impeachment of United States District Judge Samuel B. Kent. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. District Court, Southern District

of Texas: Cathy McBroom, Case Manager; and Donna Wilkerson, Legal Secretary; Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, House Committee on the Judiciary; and a public witness.

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Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 2040, To authorize a process by which the Secretary of the Interior shall process acquisitions of certain real property by the Samish Indian Nation into trust; and H.R. 1035, Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Amendments Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from George Skibine, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 626, the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lynch, Maloney, Al Green of Texas, and Issa.

NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2407, National Climate Service Act of 2009.